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Security Council

10:00 — 7607th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Thirty-seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2015/940)

Security Council

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 20 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11.

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Economic and Social Council

2016 session
Briefings

There will be consecutive briefings *today,* 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The first briefing, by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, will be on the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* 2016 report (*click here*). It will be followed by briefings on the programme of work of the Council for the period January to July 2016, as follows: by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea) on the preparations for the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the 2016 high-level segment in July 2016; by the Vice-President (Estonia) on the preparations for the integration segment; by the Vice-President (Honduras) on the preparations for the operational activities for development segment; by the Vice-President (Switzerland) on the humanitarian affairs segment; and by the Vice-President (Zimbabwe) on the coordination and management meetings of the Council. All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council by *clicking here.* [webcast]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Briefing

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold a briefing *today,* 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 Building, 21st Floor), on UNDP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Strategy. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/70/L.31 entitled "Extension of the preparatory period preceding the graduation of Angola from the least developed country category" (under agenda item 9) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement (on the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture Review Report)

14:00 to 17:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Event on "Coastline Erosion and its Contribution to Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, the NGO Sustainability and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Athraja de Silva, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (e-mail doc_officer@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-7040).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 20 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 22 January 2016, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 33 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict) draft resolution (A/70/L.40 (to be issued)).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on the Human Rights Up Front Initiative, on Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 16:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level.*

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly on Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission during its forty-seventh session in March 2016. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 December 2015 and 14 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information on the work of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenJa of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place in June 2016.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 (Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction)

Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 (Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction) will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), on safety and security; and technology and innovation, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Friday, 22 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

Briefing for new delegates

The Chair of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a briefing (closed), for new delegates of the Special Committee, on Friday, 22 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 6.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly

requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing to provide the UN-Women Executive Board with an overview of the process, objectives, approach and key elements of the midterm review of the strategic plan, on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 11.

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11. Observer delegations are also welcomed to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Special event

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, a special event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Council. Remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as by a number of former Presidents of the Council. All are invited to attend. For further

information, please *click here* or contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda" on Monday, 1, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretariat of their prospective participation in the Forum (e-mail simonp@un.org, with a copy to leonc@un.org) *no later than noon on Wednesday, 27 January 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-André Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January, to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here.*

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2 to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here.* Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016.*

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25, to Thursday, 28 January 2016, in the Economic and

Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Informal dialogue

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold an informal dialogue on funding (core funding and thematic funding windows), on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017, on Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Briefings

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold briefings, as follows:

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 11: on the revised UNDP evaluation policy;

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11: on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on UNCDF: last-mile finance solutions: from innovation to scale.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Multi-stakeholder forum on "Implementing the 2030 Agenda to Accelerate Realization of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls" (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Estefania Guallar, UN-Women (e-mail estefania.guallar@unwomen.org). For the concept note and programme, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Identifying common ground for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016)): Rethinking metrics to evaluate drug policy" (co-organized by the United Nations University (UNU) and the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy)

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Summer Walker, UNU New York Office (e-mail walker@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6346); to register, please *click here*.]

Informal briefing on a new framework for addressing protracted displacement within the World Humanitarian Summit process (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark and Japan, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Taro Tsutsumi, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail taro.tsutsumi@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1(212) 521-1508).]

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday, 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).]

Opening session and briefing on "The future of Holocaust education" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (27 January)) (organized by the NGO Relations Section, in partnership with the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact DPI (Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); or Ms. Kimberly Mann, Education Outreach Section (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835)).]

Event entitled "Human Rights and the Security Council – an Evolving Role" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Germany and the Security Council Report)

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Special event on the theme "Interfaith Harmony: Implementing the Transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals" (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5)) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please *click here.*]

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here.*

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

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2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

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Calendar of conferences and meetings

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7606th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of civilians in armed conflict (S/2015/453)

Letter dated 6 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/22)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made an introductory remark.

The President invited the representatives of Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, South

Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Turkey, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and Ms. Eveline Rooijmans, Senior Humanitarian Policy Adviser of OXFAM, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, and His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General, His Excellency Jan Eliasson.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Beerli and Ms. Rooijmans.

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency José Luis Cancela, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay; the representative of the United Kingdom; His Excellency Jesús Manuel Gracia Aldaz, Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Ibero-America of Spain; and His Excellency Sergiy Kyslytsya, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; and by the representatives of China, France, Malaysia, the United States, New Zealand, Senegal, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Angola, Japan and the Russian Federation.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Eugène-Richard Gasana, Permanent Representative and Minister of State for Cooperation of Rwanda.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Thailand, Hungary, India, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), Mexico, Israel, Kazakhstan, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Luxembourg, Switzerland (on behalf of the members of the Group of Friends of the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict), Germany, Australia, Belgium, Iraq, Kuwait and Liechtenstein.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Italy and Pakistan.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Romania.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and

Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Poland, Indonesia, Slovenia (speaking on behalf of the Human Security Network), South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Croatia, Chile, Latvia, the Republic of Korea, Georgia, Canada, Austria, Slovakia, Morocco, Paraguay, the Netherlands, Guatemala, Armenia, Argentina, Montenegro, Bangladesh, Lithuania and Gabon.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Téte António.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Albania, Turkey, Peru, Qatar, Nigeria and Azerbaijan.

The representatives of Ukraine, Israel and Armenia made further statements.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

354th meeting

Opening of the session [item 1]

The 2016 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission was opened by His Excellency Fodé Seck (Senegal), Chair of the Commission for 2015.

Adoption of the agenda [item 2]

The Chair of the Commission made a statement.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its 2016 organizational session, contained in document A/CN.10/L.75, as orally revised.

Election of the Chair and other officers [item 3]

The Commission elected His Excellency Odo Tevi (Vanuatu) as Chair.

The Commission decided to defer to a later date the election of the Rapporteur and the Vice-Chairs.

Review of resolution 70/68, entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission", adopted by the General Assembly at its seventieth session [item 4]

The Commission reviewed the First Committee resolution, entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission", issued as document A/RES/70/68, under agenda item 99 (b).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2016 of the Disarmament Commission [item 5]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Morocco and Kazakhstan.

The Commission took note of the provisional agenda for the 2016 substantive session contained in document A/CN.10/L.76.

Organizational matters [item 6]

The Chair of the Commission made a statement.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
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His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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Security Council

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A/70/677	Item 140 — Joint Inspection Unit — Cooperation among the United Nations regional commissions — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *66 pages*
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	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
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S/2016/5	Identical letters dated 4 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

A/70/652–S/2016/20 Letter dated 6 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

S/Agenda/7604 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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Documents

Statistical Commission
Forty-seventh session

E/CN.3/2016/2 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda — Report of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *39 pages*

E/CN.3/2016/3 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — Report of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for Post-2015 Monitoring — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

E/CN.3/2016/25 Item 4 (g) of the provisional agenda — Items for information: coordination of statistical programmes — Work of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

E/CN.6/2016/5 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" — Discussion guide for the ministerial round tables to be held under the priority theme "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development" — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

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Thursday, 21 January 2016

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 (Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction)
Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 (Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction) will be held *today*, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

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Thursday, 21 January 2016

Multi-stakeholder forum on "Implementing the 2030 Agenda to Accelerate Realization of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls" (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

From 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Estefania Guallar, UN-Women (e-mail estefania.guallar@unwomen.org). For the concept note and programme, please *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "Identifying common ground for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016)): Rethinking metrics to evaluate drug policy" (co-organized by the United Nations University (UNU) and the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Summer Walker, UNU New York Office (e-mail walker@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6346); to register, please *click here*.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 21 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:30	Press conference on indigenous languages — Preservation and revitalization [*Speakers:* Ms. Tatiana Degai, from Kamchatka, Russian Federation; Ms. Amy Kalili, from Hawaii, United States; and Grand Chief Edward John, from the Tl'azt'en Nation, British Columbia, Canada] [*Moderator:* Ms. Margaret Novicki, Chief, Communications Campaigns Service, Department of Public Information]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406), starting *today,* 21 January 2016. Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on the Human Rights Up Front Initiative, on Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 16:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level.*

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly on Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission during its forty-seventh session in March 2016.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 December 2015 and 14 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information on the work of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 22 January 2016

General Assembly
Seventieth session

10:00 — 83rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [item 33]

(a) Note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Angola transmitting the report of the Kimberley Process (A/70/596)

(b) Draft resolution A/70/L.40 (to be issued)

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

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Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place in June 2016.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Friday, 22 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1: on safety and security; and technology and innovation;

Monday, 25 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on partnerships with regional organizations and support to capacity-building; and uniformed capabilities and performance, including helicopters;

Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on planning, including transitions; triangular cooperation; and conduct and discipline; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on strengthening for complex peacekeeping operations: SSR, DDR and mine action; and medical standards and capabilities.

Briefing for new delegates

The Chair of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a briefing (closed), for new delegates of the Special Committee, on Friday, 22 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 6.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit

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Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing to provide the UN-Women Executive Board with an overview of the process, objectives, approach and key elements of the midterm review of the strategic plan, on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 11.

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11. Observer delegations are also welcomed to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Plenary meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to take action on draft proposals (E/2016/L.5 (to be issued) and E/2016/L.6 (to be issued)) and to hold elections to fill outstanding vacancies in the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), for which candidatures have been received by the secretariat of the Council. A list of candidates for this election can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Special event

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, a special event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Council.

Remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as by a number of former Presidents of the Council. All are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here* or contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda" on Monday, 1, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretariat of their prospective participation in the Forum (e-mail simonp@un.org, with a copy to leonc@un.org) *no later than noon on Wednesday, 27 January 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-André Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail

simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January, to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February

2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2 to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the

UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice.

In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25, to Thursday, 28 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the

subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Informal dialogue

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold an informal dialogue on funding (core funding and thematic funding windows), on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017, on Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Briefings

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold briefings, as follows:

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 11: on the revised UNDP evaluation policy;

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11: on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on UNCDF: last-mile finance solutions: from innovation to scale.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event entitled "Meeting of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN))

Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org).]

Informal briefing on a new framework for addressing protracted displacement within the World Humanitarian Summit process (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark, Japan and Turkey, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Taro Tsutsumi, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail taro.tsutsumi@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1508).]

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday, 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on the theme "The Holocaust and human dignity" (27 January) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Department of Information)

Opening of the following exhibits:

"Holocaust by Bullets" (with the President of Yahad-In Unum) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Monday, 25 January 2016, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[For more information please contact Ms. Valérie Guillamo, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail valerie.guillamo@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

"Life after Survival" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, the Concentration Camp Memorial Site Flossenbürg and Heimatverein Indersdorf and Lagergemeinschaft Dachau)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[For more information please contact Ms. Katarina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail katharina.kalaschnikow@diplo.de).]

Holocaust memorial ceremony (hosted by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Wednesday, 27 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited. For more information please, contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "The future of Holocaust education" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, in partnership with the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, DPI)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact DPI (Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); or Ms. Kimberly Mann, Education Outreach Section (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835) ; to register, please *click here*.]

Screening of the film "Woman in Gold" and discussion (with the participation of the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information and the Director of the film) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 18:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Event entitled "Human Rights and the Security Council – an Evolving Role" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Germany and the Security Council Report)

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Special event on the theme "Interfaith Harmony: Implementing the Transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals" (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5)) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, will hold its second session on Wednesday, 10, and Thursday, 11 February 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 10 February, at 10.00, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

The session will be preceded by informal meetings on Tuesday, 9 February, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room XVIII.

The agenda is contained in document A/AC.285/1. The calendar and programme of work, background information on the Working Group and relevant documents are available by *clicking here*.

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here*.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is

open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 20 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7607th meeting *The situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

Thirty-seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2015/940)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/47, submitted by France, Japan, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/47) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/47) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2260 (2016).

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

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(b) Draft resolution A/70/L.40

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2. Other matters

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His Excellency Oh Joon, President of the Council

Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General

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His Excellency Narendra Damodardas Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India *(video message)*

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Statement by Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, former Council Secretary, former Chef de Cabinet of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

Panel discussion on "ECOSOC and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

Moderator

Mr. Warren Hoge, Senior Advisor for External Relations, International Peace Institute

Panellists

His Excellency David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and Co-facilitator, of the intergovernmental negotiations on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Chair, Committee for Development Policy, and former Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Sarah F. Cliffe, Director, Center on International Cooperation, New York University

Mr. Rakesh Rajani, Director, Civic Engagement and Government, Ford Foundation

Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

Interventions by Member States and other stakeholders

Closing remarks

[Additional information is available on the website of the Council (*click here*).]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, *today,* 22 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1, on safety and security; and technology and innovation.

Briefing for new delegates

The Chair of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a briefing (closed), for new delegates of the Special Committee, *today,* 22 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing to provide the UN-Women Executive Board with an overview of the process, objectives approach and key elements of the midterm review of the strategic plan, *today,* 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to *11:30*, in Conference Room 11.

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board *today,* 22 January 2016, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11. Observer delegations are also welcome to attend.

Other meetings

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Friday, 22 January 2016

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Friday, 22 January 2016

Event entitled "Meeting of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN))

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org).]

Informal briefing on a new framework for addressing protracted displacement within the World Humanitarian Summit process (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark, Japan and Turkey, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

From 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Taro Tsutsumi, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail taro.tsutsumi@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1508).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 22 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on the Human Rights Up Front Initiative, on Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 16:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*.

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly on Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission during its forty-seventh session in March 2016.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 December 2015 and 14 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For further information on the work of the Statistical Commission, please *click here*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place in June 2016.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Committees

Second Committee

The Chair of the Second Committee, His Excellency Andrej Logar (Slovenia), will convene an informal meeting of the Second Committee, on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to discuss organizational matters and the way forward on the revitalization of the work of the Second Committee, pursuant to General Assembly decision 70/548 of 22 December 2015 (see draft decision I in document A/70/518). All members and observers are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 25 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on partnerships with regional organizations and support to capacity-building; and uniformed capabilities and performance, including helicopters;

Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on planning, including transitions; triangular cooperation; and conduct and discipline; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on strengthening for complex peacekeeping operations: SSR, DDR and mine action; and medical standards and capabilities.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/).

Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 375th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held, *at the ambassadorial level*, on Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 2.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.183/2016/L.1.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Plenary meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to take action on draft proposals submitted by the President on the dates and themes of the various meetings and segments of the Council (E/2016/L.5 (to be issued)) and on the venue and dates of the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2016/L.6 (to be issued)). The Council will also hold elections to fill outstanding vacancies in the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), for which candidatures have been received by the secretariat of the Council. A list of candidates for this election can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda" on Monday, 1, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat *as early as possible*. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretariat of their prospective participation in the Forum (e-mail simonp@un.org, with a copy to leonc@un.org) *no later than noon on Wednesday, 27 January 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-André Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than* Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); or by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January, to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social

Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world", under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place on Monday, 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1*. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2 to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice.

In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25, to Thursday, 28 January 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Informal dialogue

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold an informal dialogue on funding (core funding and thematic funding windows), on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations on the midterm review of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017, on Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Briefings

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold briefings, as follows:

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 11: on the revised UNDP evaluation policy;

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11: on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on UNCDF: last-mile finance solutions: from innovation to scale.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting) (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from *12:00* to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 12.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday, 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on the theme "The Holocaust and human dignity" (27 January) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Department of Information)

Opening of the following exhibits

"Holocaust by Bullets" (with the President of Yahad-In Unum) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Monday, 25 January 2016, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[For more information please contact Ms. Valérie Guillamo, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail valerie.guillamo@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

"Life after Survival" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, the Concentration Camp Memorial Site Flossenbürg and Heimatverein Indersdorf and Lagergemeinschaft Dachau)

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, at 18:00, in the Visitors' Lobby, General Assembly Building.

[For more information please contact Ms. Katarina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail katharina.kalaschnikow@diplo.de).]

Holocaust memorial ceremony (hosted by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Wednesday, 27 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All are invited. For more information please, contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "The future of Holocaust education" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, in partnership with the NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, DPI)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact DPI (Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); or Ms. Kimberly

Mann, Education Outreach Section (e-mail mann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6835)); to register, please *click here*.]

Screening of the film "Woman in Gold" and discussion (with the participation of the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information and the Director of the film) (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 18:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For more information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, DPI (e-mail buckleya@un.org); to register, please *click here*.]

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

Event entitled "Towards nature-based solutions: Harnessing finance for our world's ecosystems" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN))

Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org).]

Event entitled "Human rights and the Security Council – an evolving role" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France and Germany and the Security Council Report)

Friday, 29 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Special event on the theme "Interfaith Harmony: Implementing the transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals" (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5)) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, will hold its second session on Wednesday, 10, and Thursday, 11 February 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 10 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

The session will be preceded by informal meetings on Tuesday, 9 February, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room XVIII.

The agenda is contained in document A/AC.285/1. The calendar and programme of work, background information on the Working Group and relevant documents are available by *clicking here*.

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here*.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kumamoto, 10 October 2013

Ratification: Peru (21 January 2016)

Appointments

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Electronic documents

Useful links to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org. Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

The *Journal of the United Nations* is issued daily in English and in French. Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int.

The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Websites

Department for General Assembly and Conference Management
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Department of Political Affairs
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Presidency of the Security Council
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Security Council
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
www.un.org/sc/1540/

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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Economic and Social Council
www.un.org/en/ecosoc/

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United Nations Treaty Collection
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United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
owww.un.org/law/avl/

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www.un.org/depts/dhl/

International Court of Justice
www.icj-cij.org/

Journal of the United Nations
www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp

United Nations Press Releases
www.un.org/en/unpress/index.asp

United Nations Webcast
www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html

Yearbook of the United Nations
http://unyearbook.un.org

UN Chronicle
www.un.org/chronicle

PaperSmart portal
www.papersmart.unmeetings.org/

Documents issued this week

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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	Seventieth session
A/70/574	Item 149 — Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei — Budget performance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *45 pages*
A/70/680–S/2016/36	Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 12 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
A/70/722	Item 138 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 18 January 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/70/L.40	Item 33 — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict — Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*
	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
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S/2015/1034	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2015/1035	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
S/2015/1036	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
S/2015/1037	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
S/2015/1038	Letter dated 24 December 2015 from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*
S/2016/2/Rev.1	Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*
A/70/680–S/2016/36	Identical letters dated 12 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2016/47	France, Japan, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2016/48	Letter dated 18 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/2016/55	Letter dated 20 January 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
S/Agenda/7606	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/7607	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/RES/2260 (2016)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 7607th meeting, on 20 January 2016 [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Economic and Social Council

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Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

E/CN.6/2016/3 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives — Women's empowerment and the links to sustainable development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*

E/CN.6/2016/6 Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters — Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

E/CN.6/2016/9 Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters — Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *22 pages*

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board
First regular session 2016

E/ICEF/2016/1/Rev.1 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238).

The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings,* and *19:00 for the summaries.* The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other activities" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance*.

The office of the Journal Unit opens at 15:00.

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